

Injury Fact Sheet-Construction



Carpenters—Struck-by or Against Injuries

1234 Carpenters filed claims for injuries from being struck-by or against objects from 2000 to 2004



Struck-by injuries are costly and affect your industrial insurance premiums. They contribute to the reason for the average base rate of \$2.47 per hour per employee paid by contractors employing carpenters in 2006. If your company has a higher than average number of injuries (claims), your "experience rating" could increase by as much as 25% in one year to \$3.09 per hour per employee.

Stated in another way, if you had 5 full-time carpenters and had an average number of injuries (claims), you would pay about \$25,688.00 in premiums in 2006. If your experience rating increased by 25% because you had higher than average injuries, you would pay about \$6448.00 more or \$32,136.00 in premiums in 2006.

Causes of struck-by or against injuries

Nail guns are the most common source of struck-by injuries in carpenters.

Carpenters are also injured by power tools and from lumber handling.

Lumber and tools can fall from elevated surfaces or due to poor storage. Or employees can be struck when materials are being moved.

Ways to prevent struck-by or against injuries

To prevent struck-by injuries :

- Use appropriate PPE- hard hats, eye protection and safety shoes
- Use equipment only according to manufacturers recommendations
- Use power tools with all guards, safety switches and anti-kick back devices in place
- Use nail guns with guards in place and pointed away from the body.



Risky use of a nail gun



Nail gun label requirement for eye protection